

Our Town

May/June 2021

TOWN of WAKE FOREST



It is more important to recycle the **right** items than to guess and risk contaminating other recyclables. Recyclables should be emptied and rinsed before they are placed in the cart.

Waste Wizard keeps you informed and helps you RECYCLE RIGHT

The Town of Wake Forest is encouraging residents to stay informed about trash, recycling and yard waste collection by signing up for the "Waste Wizard." Available at **wakeforestnc.gov**, the Waste Wizard is a free interactive tool that allows residents who receive solid waste service from the town to sign up for personalized trash and recycling collection reminders. Residents can download collection schedules and access online service request forms for bulk waste pickup, brush pickup and missed collections.

The Waste Wizard also allows residents to type in key words related to disposable household materials and



receive valuable disposal tips. From aluminum cans and phone books to popcorn bags and plastic beverage bottles, the search tool helps residents determine which items can be recycled and which ones should be thrown away.

To visit the Waste Wizard, go to **wakeforestnc.gov** and search "waste wizard." The Waste Wizard is also provided as a function on the Town of Wake Forest app. To download the Town's app, visit **wakeforestnc.gov** and search "TOWF app."

📞 wakeforestnc.gov, search "waste wizard", Sustainability Coordinator Jeanette Johnson, ☎ 919-435-9585, ✉ jjohnson@wakeforestnc.gov

Holiday Schedule: Wake Forest Town Hall and all other administrative offices will be closed May 31 for Memorial Day. For a complete list of Town holidays and any changes to Town services, visit wakeforestnc.gov and search "holiday schedule."

Town of Wake Forest
301 S. Brooks Street
Wake Forest, NC 27587
919-435-9400

wakeforestnc.gov

PRSRT STD
ECRWSS
U.S. Postage
PAID
Charlotte, NC
Permit #83

News Highlights

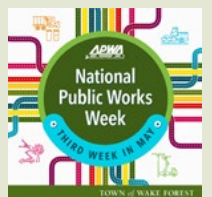
Registrations accepted for summer camps and enrichment programs

The Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department offers a variety of summer programs in art, theatre, athletics, cooking, LEGO® and more. To browse the offerings and to register, visit **wakeforestnc.recdesk.com** and click on the "programs" tab.



Public Works Week is May 16-22

National Public Works Week is the third week of May. During May, we recognize the department that is responsible for maintaining our roadways, collecting our waste, pruning our street trees, keeping our lights on and so many other services that residents rely upon. As our way of honoring the contributions of our Public Works Department, we invite you to help us celebrate by sharing photos, drawings and letters that express your appreciation for our Public Works Department. You can share your submissions through the online form at **wakeforestnc.gov**, search "public works week."



Recycling reminders

✓ **Do not squish, crush, or compact plastic bottles and aluminum cans.**

The sorting system at the material recovery facility (MRF) recognizes these items as three dimensional objects. Crushing or compacting these items means the sorting system will not be able to recognize them and will sort them into the wrong place.

✓ **Screw lids on plastic bottles only. Throw other lids away.** Lids on items like a sour cream container can fall off in the sorting process and end up contaminating other recyclables or making a mess at the MRF.

✓ **Make sure recyclables are rinsed and clean.** Dirty recyclables contaminate other clean and useful recyclables like paper and cardboard.

✓ **Larger pieces of paper can be recycled but throw away small bits of paper.** Small bits tend to make a mess at the MRF and can even become litter.

✓ **To-go boxes are not recyclable.** Clamshell boxes are difficult to sort correctly at the MRF and many are made with a combination of more than one plastic. Do not recycle these items.

✓ **Do not overfill recycling carts with cardboard.** Tightly packed carts cannot be dumped because items get stuck in the cart. Likewise, any loose, overflowing items can fall out and cause litter.



Keep trash secured in trucks

Loose trash in trucks creates litter along Wake Forest roadways

Help keep Wake Forest roadways clean by securing any trash in your truck bed. When you throw trash in the back of your truck, it inevitably blows out and becomes litter on the roadside.



Learning the new rules of recycling

Recycling incorrect items is costly and can make the entire lot of materials unusable

The rules of recycling have changed. Did you know that not all items marked with the recycling symbol are recyclable as part of the Town's waste reduction efforts?

As it turns out, some items actually create a greater environmental detriment and cost to recycle than to throw them out in the trash.

Another challenge for the recycling industry is that many items that wind up in the mix actually impair the efficiency and safety of handling legitimate recyclables. These unwanted materials can make the whole lot unusable, thereby making contamination a costly obstacle for recycling.

While it feels good to reduce landfill volume and help the environment, attempting to recycle the wrong things—or wishing they could be recycled—can actually negate recycling efforts. It's less important to fill the bin with a mix of things we *think* may be recyclable as it is to put in things we *know* are recyclable.

Today's recycling is all about shape and size. To help the process, remember to keep recycling in its original form. For example, stop crushing cans, or tearing paper into small pieces, as modern recycling equipment separates items based on their intact shape.

If you are not sure if an item is recyclable, check the Waste Wizard at wakeforestnc.gov. Using the Waste Wizard, type in the name of the item and find out the proper disposal method for that item.

If it feels like you are putting too much in the trash, consider what you are tossing out and seek other ways to make an impact. For example, make a point to choose alternatives to single-use consumables. Products like reusable mugs instead of single-use cups, and reusable shopping bags instead of plastic or paper, are easy ways to make a big difference.

Do all you can to avoid contributing to recycling contamination. One way is to rinse all items clean before adding them to a recycling bin.

You are the first step to successful recycling that is cost-effective and environmentally-beneficial process. Thank you for caring and doing your part.

🌐 wakeforestnc.gov, search "recycling",
☎ 919-435-9570, ✉ publicworksdept@wakeforestnc.gov

Bag Trash



Do Not Bag Recyclables



These items should never go in your recycling cart



TOP 5 RECYCLING CONTAMINANTS

- 1 Plastic bags or bagged recycling
- 2 To-go boxes (clamshells) or to-go cups
- 3 Food contaminants (food or drink left in recyclables, dirty pizza boxes)
- 4 Styrofoam (#6 plastics are not accepted)
- 5 Plastic cups, Solo® cups & straws

PUBLIC WORKS

“Show Some Love” by picking up litter along streets

SHOW SOME
LOVE

#KeepWFclean

The Town of Wake Forest is inviting individuals and families to join the “Show Some Love, #KeepWFclean” campaign by picking up trash in their neighborhoods and along local

streets and roadways. The initiative allows volunteers to pick up litter on a one-time or ongoing basis. Participants may also choose the area they wish to clean or request direction to high need areas around town.

To aid the effort, volunteers may reserve one or more litter kits at no charge by completing the online form at wakeforestnc.gov/keep-wf-clean. Each litter kit includes reflective vests, gloves, buckets, grabbers, trash bags, data collection sheets, hand sanitizer and litter education materials. A special thanks to B&W Hardware for sponsoring the litter kits.

Due to COVID-19 and out of concern for public safety, the Town is currently limiting participation in the roadside cleanup program to individuals and families. Once state restrictions are lifted, the invitation to participate will be extended to schools, churches, civic groups and community organizations.

The Town of Wake Forest recently launched the “Show Some Love,



Thank you to the many families (including the Chuyka's, shown above) who have already volunteered for litter pickup. You have made a difference!

#KeepWFclean” anti-littering campaign as a public-private initiative aimed at eliminating unsightly trash along roadways, in neighborhoods and in other parts of our community. The campaign emphasizes that litter is not only ugly, it is also a costly problem that can be only be addressed with behavioral changes at the community and individual levels.

📍 wakeforestnc.gov, search “keep WF clean”
Sustainability Coordinator Jeanette Johnson, 📞 919-435-9585, ✉ jjohnson@wakeforestnc.gov

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Department seeks photos & stories to mark upcoming Centennial Celebration

The Wake Forest Fire Department (WFFD) will kick off a year-long centennial celebration on August 4—the date the department was created 100 years ago. Planning is underway for a series of events and activities to celebrate the centennial.

In the meantime, the WFFD is inviting residents and businesses to participate in the commemoration by sharing photos, documents, stories, equipment and other memorabilia that can be used to celebrate the centennial and recognize the service and commitment of Wake Forest firefighters since 1921.

Anyone wishing to share memorabilia, stories or even compliments and best wishes is encouraged to complete the online submission form at wakeforestnc.gov, search “centennial celebration.”

Capt. Ben Davis, 📞 919-556-1966,
✉ bdavis@wakeforestnc.gov



INSPECTIONS

Portion of Dunn Creek Greenway closed through late spring

RJS Construction, a contractor working on the Ledge Rock Green development, has closed an approximate 400-foot portion of the Dunn Creek Greenway north of the Dr. Calvin Jones Highway/NC 98 Bypass. Extending from Ledgerock Road to the wooden bridge (which remains accessible), the closure is necessary to allow crews to install utilities for the new subdivision. The work is expected to be completed in late spring.

Signage and barricades have been posted to inform the public of the closure.

The Dunn Creek Greenway begins at the Smith Creek Soccer Center, 690 Heritage Lake Road, and extends north to the pedestrian culvert under Dr. Calvin Jones Highway/NC 98 Bypass. Measuring one mile, the 10-foot wide paved and boardwalk trail is designed for biking, hiking, or simply enjoying nature.

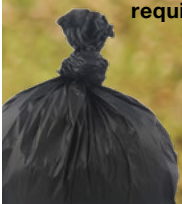
📍 wakeforestnc.gov, search “dunn creek greenway”, Construction Inspections Supervisor James Mapp, 📞 919-435-9445, ✉ jmapp@wakeforestnc.gov

We all love our pets, but not their poop!

Picking up after your pet is not only a courtesy, it is an environmental necessity. Pet waste that is not picked up can be carried away by rainwater into the stormwater system.

Pet waste can deplete oxygen supplies from water which can harm fish and plant life. Not only that, pet waste can contain bacteria, viruses, and parasites. High levels of pet waste can cause fecal contamination in recreational waters which can make people sick and require local beaches to close.

Dispose of your pet's waste properly by bagging it and throwing it in the trash can. Thank you for doing your part!



National Senior Health & Fitness Day

The Northern Wake Senior Center will celebrate wellness on Wednesday, May 26. Activities will be offered virtually and in person in the senior center parking lot.

Beginning at 8 a.m., Zoom fitness sessions will be offered. Then from 1–4 p.m. various activities and surprises will be offered outside in the parking lot.

Local business participants include but are not limited to clinicians, massage therapists, financial specialists, legal and spiritual aid, food trucks and fitness professionals.

The Northern Wake Senior Center is located at 235 E. Holding Ave. A similar celebration will be held on the same day at the Eastern Wake Senior Center in Wendell.

The Northern Wake Senior Center offers adults age 55 and older a full schedule of recreational activities. Programming at the center is provided by Resources for Seniors, Inc.

🌐 wakeforestnc.gov, search "senior center",
☎ 919-554-4111, ✉ jennieg@rfsnc.org



URBAN FORESTRY

Wake Forest earns Tree City & Tree Line USA Awards



The Town of Wake Forest has been named a 2020 Tree City USA and Tree Line USA award winner. This marks the 42nd year Wake Forest has earned the Tree City USA designation and the seventh year it has been

recognized as a Tree Line USA.

Awards are presented annually to communities and utilities that demonstrate a commitment to making their communities more livable by planting and caring for trees.

wakeforestnc.gov, search "urban forestry"



Yolanda Rabun is a fierce songstress who favors jazz and soul.

Renaissance Centre to reopen May 7 with Yolanda Rabun

Closed since March 2020 due to COVID-19, the Wake Forest Renaissance Centre for the Arts, 405 S. Brooks St., will re-open to the public and re-connect with the community beginning Friday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m. with a performance by Yolanda Rabun.

Advance tickets are \$20 each plus tax and can be purchased online with a Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover credit card at wakeforestrencen.org or by calling the Renaissance Centre Box Office at 919-435-9458.

Yolanda Rabun is a fierce songstress and North Carolina-based recording artist who is versatile enough to handle all styles of music – but favors jazz and soul. Rabun exploded onto the jazz scene first on Stanley Baird's 2007 Traffic Jam hit single, "I Want 2 Love You," and, in 2011, released

her debut CD project, "So Real," on which she co-wrote several songs. In 2012, Rabun infused Soul, R&B, Gospel, Folk, Smooth and Traditional Jazz on her sophomore solo album, "Christmastime," and followed in 2013 with the Adult Contemporary single, "Hold on To Your Dreams."

Yolanda has also performed with the NC Opera, the Durham Symphony, and the Raleigh Symphony Free Spirits; she appeared on a number of TV and radio programs.

The Renaissance Centre will implement updated safety and cleaning protocols and take all reasonable precautions to promote the health and safety of those who choose to attend the May 7 concert. On the day of the concert, wellness checks will be required prior to admission and masks must be worn inside the centre. During the screening, attendees will be asked a few short questions and a temperature check will be performed using a touchless thermometer. Anyone who does not clear the screening will be prohibited from entering the building, along with all the members of their group.

Hand-sanitizing stations will be provided throughout the facility, physical distancing will be enforced and concessions will not be available for purchase.

🌐 wakeforestrencen.org, Renaissance Centre Box Office ☎ 919-435-9458

Spring Art Sale at the Senior Center

The Northern Wake Senior Center in partnership with Gaylord Picard, 727 North Main Art Studio, will present the Spring Art Sale on May 8 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. The sale will be held in the parking lot of the senior center at 235 E. Holding Ave. Proceeds will benefit the programs of the Northern Wake Senior Center.





Stay at Home

SENIOR CARE

sahseniors.com • 919-556-3706

**Hometown Care Beyond Compare
in your home or ours:**

chantillycarehome.com • 919-726-8999

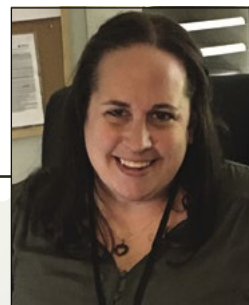
1116 Chilmark Ave.
Wake Forest

Chantilly Care Home
at RiverStone



Perkins

COUNSELING & PSYCHOLOGICAL
SERVICES, PLLC



Perkins Counseling & Psychological Services is pleased to welcome Liz Vaughan, MSN, APRN, CPNP-PC.

With Liz on our team, we can now provide medication management as part of our comprehensive services. Liz is a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner specializing in Pediatric Mental and Behavioral Health. She conducts psychiatric assessments, evaluations, and management (including medication) for ages birth to twenty-one. Liz is a pleasant and collaborative presence here and will work with you and your child as part of their treatment team.

To set up an appointment with Liz Vaughan, call 919-263-9592 option 5.

919-263-9592 info@perkinscps.com

10580 Ligon Mill Road, Suite 210, Wake Forest, NC 27587

www.perkinscps.com

CABINET PAINTING



Cabinet Refinishing & Custom Islands
~Established 1992~

BEFORE



AFTER



Factory Style Finishes!

We find that each customer's taste and design goals are very personal. Our solutions are designed to meet your goals.

WITH OVER 1000 KITCHENS AND BATHS RESTORED, WE ARE THE MOST HIGHLY RATED REFINISHING COMPANY IN THE TRIANGLE

We have many high quality options to upgrade and enhance the appearance of your existing cabinets at a cost significantly below replacement

CONTACT US TODAY!
WWW.BULLRESTORATION.COM
CALL OR TEXT (919) 848-3778
SALES@BULLRESTORATION.COM

You are our top priority!



+ Call 919.556.1121 +

Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm • Sat: 8am-2pm • Sun: 10am-2pm
2160 South Main Street, Wake Forest, NC 27587
northwakeanimalhospital.com

LOOK FOR THESE ICONS. Projects that align with one of the goals in the Town's strategic plan are identified with an icon. To learn more about the strategic plan, visit wakeforestnc.gov and search "strategic plan."



Economic Development



Safe & Connected Community



Values-Based Organizational Culture



Fiscal Strength

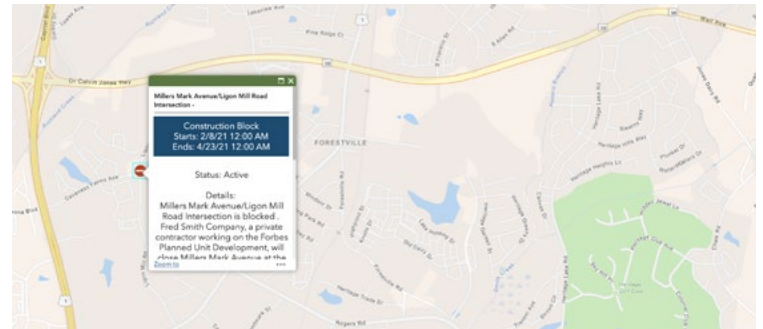
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Wake Forest introduces interactive Traffic Alerts Map

The Town of Wake Forest has launched an interactive map that gives residents a user-friendly and convenient way to view local road closures and restrictions. Accessible under "Common Resources" on the homepage of the Town website, the new Traffic Alerts Map allows visitors to point and click on current road and lane closures throughout Wake Forest.

When clicking on a project, the user will see a short summary of the exact location of the project, along with a schedule for its anticipated beginning and completion. In addition, the user will be provided with the contact information for the project manager. The information is updated in real-time as the project moves forward.

📍 wakeforestnc.gov, search "traffic alerts map", Communications & Public Affairs Director Bill Crabtree, ☎ 919-435-9421, ✉ bcrabtree@wakeforestnc.gov



COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Top five ways to stay informed

Stay up to date on Town news and connect with the community through these communication tools:

- **App:** Download the Town of Wake Forest app to access information at your fingertips.
- **Facebook, Twitter & Instagram:** Find (and like!) the Town of Wake Forest on social media.
- **Nextdoor:** Has your neighborhood joined Nextdoor? Connect with us there.
- **E-Notifier:** Subscribe to one or more categories to receive traffic alerts, police advisories, What's Up in Wake Forest and more.
- **Website:** Updated regularly, wakeforestnc.gov is your portal to important information. Use the Google-powered search engine to find topics of interest.

📍 wakeforestnc.gov, search "communications", Communications & Public Affairs Director Bill Crabtree, ☎ 919-435-9421, ✉ bcrabtree@wakeforestnc.gov



Now That We Have Your Attention
Let's Talk About The Elephant in the Room



- Service
- Repair
- New Equipment
- Up To 120 Months Financing on New Equipment
- 0% Interest on Some Equipment

Join Our
COMFORT CLUB
for Worry-Free
Comfort and Efficiency

Just need a Seasonal Service or Repair
on your
HVAC System...
Call Now for 24/7 Service

919.556.5069

MitchellHVAC.com

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL RESOURCES

Register now for ball leagues

The Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department will accept registrations for the Adult Church Co-rec Softball League from May 1–31. Registrations for Youth Fall Baseball & Softball Leagues and Summer Adult Co-rec Kickball League will be accepted from June 1–30. Registrations are accepted online at wakeforestnc.recdesk.com.

PUBLIC WORKS

Report a problem using SeeClickFix

Now you can immediately report non-emergency problems to the Town of Wake Forest from your smartphone, tablet, or computer, thanks to the Town's partnership with SeeClickFix.



Use the Town of Wake Forest website or app to report issues such as damaged sidewalks, street light outages, park issues and potholes. Requests are routed directly to the attention of the appropriate town staff for responsible handling.

To report a problem, go to wakeforestnc.gov and search "report a problem." On the "Report a Problem" web page, enter your request in the SeeClickFix window.

Or, download the Town of Wake Forest app and submit your request using the "SeeClickFix" function on the app.

📧 wakeforestnc.gov, search "report a problem"

POLICE

Park in the direction of traffic flow or risk a fine

Police officials are reminding Wake Forest motorists to park in the direction of traffic flow or risk a \$25 fine. Wording in Sec. 30-251 of the Town's Code of Ordinances



addresses "Parking in direction of traffic flow:"

"Parking shall be established in the direction of traffic flow on all streets within corporate limits of the Town of Wake Forest with passenger side (right) tires to the curb on two-way streets." In summary, on a two-way road, you must park with the right-hand wheels next to the right-side curb. Otherwise, you are parked illegally.



ENGINEERING

Road Construction Updates

The new Forbes Grove Way, which runs behind Wegman's and the Ligon Mill Road extension, remain closed to the public while work continues on the roadway improvements along Dr. Calvin Jones Highway/NC 98 Bypass and the widening and extension of Ligon Mill Road.

Once the roadway improvements are completed, Ligon Mill Road will become a four-lane thoroughfare with a grass median from Stone Monument Drive to Dr. Calvin Jones Highway/NC 98 Bypass. The work along Dr. Calvin Jones/NC 98 in the vicinity of the new Wegman's will result in the installation of several turn lanes and three new intersections.

Transportation Engineer Jonathan Jacobs, ✉ jjacobs@wakeforestnc.gov



A Safe Place to Get the Wiggles Out!

LESSONS FOR KIDS 4 MONTHS - 12 YEARS
NO SESSIONS! YEAR-ROUND LESSONS
4:1 STUDENT-TO-TEACHER RATIO
SHIVER-FREE, 90-DEGREE LESSONS

WAKE FOREST | 919.435.3753
14460 Falls of Neuse Road
goldfishswimschool.com | [f](#) [i](#) [t](#) [p](#)



YOUR LOCAL CPR + AED PROVIDER



CPR • FIRST AID • BLS • ACLS • PALS • CON ED
AEDs • DEFIBRILLATORS • ULTRASOUND (POCUS)

1743 S. Main Street Suite 202 Wake Forest 27587
codeblueresources.com 888.556.9857



Phone scammers continue targeting residents. Don't be fooled.

The Wake Forest Police Department is again urging residents to guard against becoming the victim of fraud following a reported phone scam involving a plea for a donation to the police department.

Many times, it's hard to tell what's a scam and what isn't, but any time someone asks you to donate money over the phone to the police department or other law enforcement agency – it's a scam.

Gift cards are often used as part of this type of scam and others, including IRS, jury duty and grandparent scams. In such instances, when scammers ask for money or demand that you pay them, they'll direct you to buy a set of gift cards.

Gift cards are for gifts, not payments. Anyone who demands payment by gift card is always a scammer.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

"Take Me Home" program protects children & adults with disabilities

According to the Alzheimer's Association, about six out of 10 people living with dementia will wander away from their homes. As the development of the disease continues, it can become increasingly difficult and potentially impossible for the person to find their way home. Many children with autism may also wander. That's why the Wake Forest Police Department (WFPD) is offering a program that helps officers find and safely return home people with disabilities as quickly as possible when they wander away from their families or caregivers.



The WFPD's Take Me Home initiative is designed to protect Wake Forest children, adults and the elderly with disabilities, such as autism, Down's syndrome or Alzheimer's and other dementia disorders, who go missing and may be unable to communicate who they are and where they live. The program is a free, voluntary and confidential database offered, managed and maintained by Wake Forest Police for Wake Forest residents.

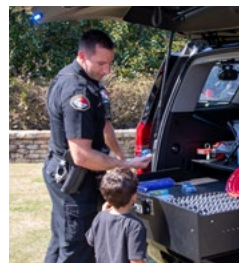


It is only accessible to law enforcement via the Wake Forest Police Department. When someone enrolls in the program, police obtain their basic information, a current digital photograph, family emergency contact information and other details that might help police if they encounter them. Then, in the event a caregiver alerts police that their loved one has wandered away, officers will have the immediate ability to distribute a photo and other pertinent information to law enforcement and other first responders.

The system can also work in reverse. In the event police find someone wandering the town who's confused, disoriented and unable to say who they are or where they live, officers can check the database to determine if they are enrolled in the program.

Enrollment is easy. Caregivers can register family members with disabilities by completing the online form at wakeforestnc.gov, search "take me home," or by calling 919-554-6150.

The Take Me Home Program is a "Wake Forest Cares" initiative



Watch board meetings on Town's website
Meetings can be viewed both live and on demand through the
Public Meeting Portal. wakeforestnc.gov, search "public meeting portal"

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS

Third Tuesday | 7 p.m.
Town Hall Board Room

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSIONS

First Tuesday | 5:30 p.m.
Town Hall Board Room

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

First Tuesday | 7:30 p.m.
Town Hall Board Room

View meetings :

- live at wakeforestnc.gov, search "wftv 10" or on-demand in streaming video
- live on WFTV 10 and re-broadcast at 9 a.m., 3 p.m. and 9 p.m. daily for up to two weeks after the meeting



WFTV 10 is the Town's government access channel available to Spectrum Cable TV subscribers. Watch WFTV 10 live online at wakeforestnc.gov, search "wftv 10".

Staying Informed

E-NOTIFIER

Sign up for the Town's free email subscription service at wakeforestnc.gov (search for "e-notifier")



TOWN of
WAKE FOREST

301 S. Brooks St.
Wake Forest, NC 27587
919-435-9400
wakeforestnc.gov



Our Town is published bi-monthly by the Town of Wake Forest Communications Department

Communications & Public Affairs Director
Bill Crabtree
919-435-9421
bcrabtree@wakeforestnc.gov

Advertising Rates & Information:
Anna Bolton
919-610-4916
abolton@wakeforestnc.gov
wakeforestnc.gov, search for "Our Town"

Read a digital version of Our Town at wakeforestnc.gov, search for "Our Town"